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Subject: Collection of Surgical Site Infections (SSI) Involving Hip Replacement, Knee Replacement, and Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) Surgeries through the National Healthcare Safety Network

Add'l. Info.: Pursuant to Health General Article, §19-134(e)(6), Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 10.25.04.02, the Maryland Health Care Commission requires all Maryland acute general hospitals to use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system to report data to the Maryland Health Care Commission on Surgical Site Infections (SSIs) involving hip replacement, knee replacement, and coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) procedures effective July 1, 2010. Detailed information regarding the NHSN system and SSI module reporting requirements, including procedure codes included in the operative categories selected for reporting and the data elements and definitions used by NHSN are available from CDC at:

http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/9pscSSIcurrent.pdf

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